

Rain and colder tonight; tomorrow fair; fresh east to northeast winds.

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MIKADO STRIKES RUSSIAN FORTS AT NIUCHWANG

Czar's Warships Disappear From Harbor of Gensan.

JAPS LAND NEAR DALNY

Emperor May Go to War in Month of August—Confers With Skrydloff.

LONDON, April 26.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram Company wires that the Japanese bombarded the forts of Niuchwang yesterday evening.

The latest news from Gensan is that the Russian warships, which appeared off that port and sunk the Japanese steamer Goyo Maru, have now disappeared.

The crew of the sunken steamer, he says, is safe.

JAPS LAND NEAR PORT OF DALNY

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—There are many rumors concerning the landing of Japanese troops in the neighborhood of Dalny, and of a probable attack on Port Arthur. It is asserted that Japanese transports have been sunk somewhere, but no details are given.

LONDON, April 26.—A dispatch to the "Standard" from Shanghai says that an engagement on the Yalu River is apparently being deferred pending a simultaneous operation in another direction, but the Japanese movements are strictly concealed.

A dispatch to the "Telegraph" from Shanghai says that the Russians are still unable to discover Admiral Togo's base, where he procures coal in the intervals between his bombardments of Port Arthur.

According to reports from Port Arthur the Russians only know the locality of the main Japanese force on the Yalu River, but the result of the expected struggle depends on operations in another and unknown direction. The Russians are relying upon strategy rather than force.

COUP AT GENSAN GREAT SURPRISE

LONDON, April 26.—The surprise visit of the Russian warships to Gensan is generally regarded as disposing of the recent reports that the Vladivostok squadron is blockaded in the northern naval port by one of the Japanese squadrons. It is taken for granted that the Russians came from Vladivostok.

The suggestion of a Japanese rise to lure them to their destruction is made, but the absence of precise information concerning the details of the Russian vessels which appeared at Gensan renders speculation futile.

It can be assumed, however, in view of their unopposed entrance, that the theory that a large Japanese force has disembarked at Gensan and is making that place its base is altogether wrong, as in such a case the Japanese could not leave Gensan unguarded. The entire position in eastern Korea is obscure.

EMPEROR MAY GO TO SCENE OF WAR

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—It is stated on excellent authority that the Emperor will go to the seat of war some time in August, the exact date depending upon a happy family event which is expected to take place about that time and which is a subject of engrossing interest in court circles.

Vice Admiral Skrydloff has had a long audience with the Emperor, but what is the exact nature of what took place it is not possible to say. This much is known: Vice Admiral Skrydloff said he would do everything in the power of man, but he knew his task was impossible upon him was well nigh impossible.

WEATHER REPORT.

Rain has fallen in the lower Missouri Valley, the middle Mississippi Valley, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee, the east Gulf and middle Atlantic States, and the western portion of the south Atlantic States. Rain has also fallen in California and western Oregon.

It is considerably colder in the interior valleys, and temperatures are again below the seasonal average from the Rocky Mountains eastward to the Appalachian region.

Showery weather will continue tonight and Wednesday in the south Atlantic States and the southern portion of the middle Atlantic States. There will be rain tonight in the Ohio Valley and eastern Tennessee.

Colder weather will prevail in the south and middle Atlantic States. The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be brisk northeast to north; on the south Atlantic coast fresh to brisk westerly, becoming westerly, and on the east Gulf coast fresh northwesterly.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 54
12 m. 56
1 p. m. 56
2 p. m. 56

Sun sets today 6:49 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:47 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.
High tide today 5:07 a. m.
Low tide today 11:42 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 5:34 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 12:15 p. m.

The Washington Times

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 26, 1904.

WANT TO RENT OR SELL?

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Bring Results.

PRICE ONE CENT.

SEVENTH STREET WILL BE PAVED

Item for Improvement Included in Conference Report on District Bill—Work Will Be Done in the Autumn.

THE TIMES WINS NOTABLE VICTORY FOR THE MERCHANTS

Praise Bestowed by Men Engaged in Business on That Noisy Thoroughfare. All Are Delighted.

Congress will appropriate the money needed to pave Seventh Street, and the work of making that thoroughfare what it should have been long ago will begin in the autumn.

The Times has won its single-handed fight on behalf of the merchants, and they are unanimous in their praise for the determined effort of this paper to improve their street.

The conference report on the District appropriation bill was laid before both houses of Congress yesterday afternoon and there was complete agreement on all items except one affecting the new Municipal Building. The item carrying \$24,000 for paving Seventh Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to E Street, and from G Street to the north side of New York Avenue was left in the bill, and no question will be raised against it in either house.

The appropriation will be available for the work July 1 next, as this date is the beginning of the fiscal year, for which the appropriations were made.

Engineer Commissioner Biddle, in speaking of the matter today, said:

"The amount appropriated is what this department estimated would be required to meet the expenses of the improvement. The \$24,000 will be ample to pay for the asphalt.

"I cannot now say exactly when the work on Seventh Street will begin, but I see no reason for its not being done next fall. If Congress adjourns shortly, leaving the appropriation as it is, we will have from now until July 1 next to issue our advertisements for bids for the contract of doing all the asphalt paving provided for this year.

Award of Contract.
"It is our policy to award the contract for all the asphalt to one man, and this ought to be settled almost as soon as the money for it becomes available."

After the contract is secured by one man, some time will be taken up by the contractor in obtaining his materials, and making his plans for the various streets that he will have to improve. Consequently, it is probable that no asphalt paving will be done before August.

According to Colonel Biddle, therefore, the Seventh Street improvement will be among the first streets to receive attention. The demand for the asphalt of this roadway has been so urgent that the Engineer Department realizes that it cannot afford to indulge in any unnecessary delays in the matter. The merchants along Seventh Street, having obtained the necessary permission from Congress, are impatient for the asphalt to be laid in front of their business houses, as soon as possible.

Merchants Pleased.
With one accord the merchants of that part of Seventh Street which will be benefited by the improvement are singing today the praises of The Times. Here is what some of them say:

Success After Many Years.
WILLIAM HAHN: "The merchants of Seventh Street feel very grateful to The Times for its effective efforts in their behalf. The paper has in a great measure been responsible for the favorable report on the measure after it had been turned down persistently for the past five or six years.

"There is every reason to believe the proposed improvement will prove a great boon to the business of Seventh Street, and at the same time redound to the benefit of the city in general. In aiding us in our effort to have the petition brought before Congress, I consider The Times has done a great work for the community, and full credit should be given it."

Seventh Street for the past fifty years has been the best business thoroughfare in the District in point of natural advantages. It is the great highway of the city, running in a straight line from the Potomac to Maryland, and by the reason of this gets the traffic that enters the District from the river and that which enters from the neighboring States.

Other main business streets in Washington, such as Pennsylvania Avenue and F Street, suffer from Seventh Street in that they are not natural thoroughfares. But both Pennsylvania Avenue and F Street have been benefited by artificial means in having been paved with asphalt, and because of this have thus far received the better class of patronage.

Persons who do their shopping in carriages and automobiles have hounded Seventh Street on account of the rough paving, and now that we will be on the basis of a smooth road, we may reasonably hope to attract better trade.

While we are well satisfied with the opportunity of Congress in this matter, we hope at some future time to see the entire street paved from the wharves to the District line.

A Debt of Thanks.
PHILLIP KING, of the King's Palace: "Merchants in general on Seventh Street are greatly pleased with the turn our petition to Congress has taken. The proposition to repave the street is generally popular among business men of the city, having been agitated by the merchants for many years.

"It must be a source of satisfaction to The Times to know that it finally decided upon the paper to bring the mat-

ter to a head. By steady and persistent work, The Times has accomplished a great deal, and the people owe the paper a debt of thanks."

"Ever since Seventh Street became one of the great shopping streets of the District, business has been greatly hampered by the condition of the thoroughfare. We have been prevented from procuring a great amount of vehicle trade, and the consequent loss has been felt by all the business places in the thoroughfare."

"Not only will a new pavement add to the general comfort of the shopping public, but it will also cause the street to assume a more cleanly appearance, and will be less noisy."

Will Help Business.

A. C. JOY, confectioner, 714-716 Seventh Street: "I feel that if it had not been for the interest taken by The Times in this pavement question it would not have gone through, and every merchant on Seventh Street appreciates the activity displayed by The Times in our behalf."

"Asphalt will be a great improvement and will help our business wonderfully."

Highly Elated.

LOUIS J. JACKSON, of the firm of Jackson Bros.: "We have cause to feel highly elated over the prospect of having the street resurfaced, as it will be a benefit to both the business interests and the public. A smooth pavement on the thoroughfare will do much to increase the vehicle traffic in front of our stores, and the inevitable result will be a great increase in our business."

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"The business men of Seventh Street are deeply indebted to the paper for what it has done in our interest."

"Gratitude to The Times."

CHRIS. XANDER, proprietor of the wholesale liquor establishment: "I know that I voice the sentiment of our business men on Seventh Street when I express my gratitude to The Times for its efforts to have the bill put before Congress in the proper light. The movement needed some such impetus as The Times gave it, and now we may look forward to the time when our trade will not be held down by the condition of the street."

"This section has grown wonderfully in the past few years, and it is a sad prediction that the time is not far distant when the Seventh Street will be a greater business thoroughfare than Pennsylvania Avenue or F Street. With the erection of the new Union Station, trade will be increased on all surrounding thoroughfares, and this will result necessarily in increasing business on Seventh Street."

"The rough pavement has proven a detriment to our business interests, and the building of the street will receive the best patronage in the city."

More Than Satisfaction.

THOMAS J. GROGAN, of the Peter Grogan Company: "Seventh Street has been neglected so long that the prospect of having a new pavement will be hailed with great satisfaction by the merchants whose places of business are located on this thoroughfare. Carriage trade has been kept away on account of the condition of the street, and the desirable class of patronage has in consequence been marked."

"The efforts of the merchants to procure a better pavement needed the help of some paper to make it successful. The Times took hold of the problem at the proper time, and the result has been more than satisfactory to everybody."

Active and Energetic.

M. GOLDENBERG, of the firm of that name: "The activity and energy of The Times in helping the business people of Seventh Street in this matter is sure to call forth their everlasting gratitude. The proposed pavement is an improvement that has long been needed, and will undoubtedly prove beneficial to the business interests of the street. Last year the condition of the sidewalk was such that it kept away many shoppers. We succeeded in having a new pavement laid, and less than a month it was demonstrated that the improvement had been a profitable investment."

Appreciates Paper's Efforts.

JOSEPH SAKS, Saks & Co.: "We have long favored having asphalt pavement for Seventh Street, and feel greatly pleased that the conference committee has favorably reported a bill for that purpose."

"We appreciate the efforts of The Times, which we feel, have been largely instrumental in getting this through."

A Great Big Help.

LANSBURGH BROS.: "We are greatly pleased that Congress has at last taken notice of the condition of the Seventh Street, and has given us the money for asphalt. It will be the greatest help in the world to us."

"We think great credit should be given to The Times for its efforts. It is credit for the whole thing should be given The Times for the energetic manner in which it agitated this question."

Deserves Great Credit.

D. STRAUSBERGER, proprietor of the New Era Shoe Store: "The Times deserves great credit for having taken such an interest in the efforts of Seventh Street."

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PRINCE PU LUN



NEPHEW OF CHINA'S EMPEROR.
The guest this afternoon of Secretary Hay. He will also be given a reception by ex-Secretary John W. Foster.

PU LUN TO WRITE STORY OF TRAVELS

Keeps a Diary and Will Publish His "Impressions of America"—Makes Complimentary Notes on Washington.

"Arrived Washington Saturday, April 23. Find it a beautiful, clean, well kept city. Will make a study of its improvements for future use."

Translated into English this is an entry in the diary of Prince Pu Lun, nephew of the Emperor of China, who is now at the Capital as the guest of the nation.

Prince Pu Lun has promised his tutor, Wong Kai-kah, that his royal highness will keep a diary which will be a daily record of his impressions of the places visited in the strange country of which he is now a guest. When the prince returns home he will gather the fragments of this diary, and, after filling it in, will publish it in book form.

Impressions of a Prince.

The book will be unique, as it will probably be the first "Impressions of America" ever published by an Oriental prince.

Through his interpreter and tutor, Wong Kai-kah, Prince Pu Lun today took interestingly of his impressions of America obtained thus far. That his visit moreover is to have even greater significance than is generally realized was to be seen in the tremendous effect which contact with Western ideas has had on the prince's mind.

"When I return," he said, "I shall undoubtedly make a report as to the advantages of electricity and well-laid streets in a great city."

"There is already a movement in Peking to have the city laid out on new lines and also to have electricity. I do not think the day is far distant when Peking will be supplied with the most modern improvements."

"I was very much struck with the holiday air of your streets on Sunday. The people here seem to enjoy themselves so much. Aias, with us, there is constant work."

"I admire the singular beauty of your streets with their little green parks and the smoothness of them. Your buildings too, are large, but you do not have them too tall."

"Some I saw in San Francisco were, I believe, what you call 'skyscrapers.' They were very strange looking, indeed, I never imagined men would build so high."

"Your Soldiers' Home here is a grand institution. We are trying to establish something like that at home."

May Buy an Automobile.

Prince Pu Lun said he was greatly delighted with his automobile tour of

SECOND ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MAURA

Spanish Premier Was Out Riding—A Shot Plowed Through His Carriage.

MADRID, April 26.—A second attempt was made on the life of Premier Maura today.

The premier, who was stabbed by a young anarchist at Barcelona a fortnight ago, was shot at while traveling to Madrid from the former city today.

The shot passed through the top of the carriage. No one was injured. The attempt on the premier's life was made between Alicante and Encina.

Piso's Cure for Consumption relieves all bronchial affections. Try it at once. 25c.—Adv.

Despite the fact that Detectives Peck, Pratt, and several other members of the Boardman's staff have made efforts to apprehend the mysterious three men who are said to have made an assault on Samuel D. Wilson in the side yard of the International Reform Bureau, 206 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast, on Sunday night, they have not yet come upon the slightest clue that would tend to indicate who the alleged assailants are.

The detectives scoured all portions of the city yesterday, worked hard last night, and went at it again today.

SMOOT CASE ALL SUMMER

Committee, by Unanimous Vote, Decides to Ask for Consent of Senate to Sit Through Vacation.

MOSES THATCHER CONCLUDES HIS INTERESTING TESTIMONY

A Good American Citizen Since Deposed as Apostle—Would Have Been Head of Church Except for Trouble.

EX-APOSTLE'S DECLARATIONS.

"Within two hours after the document was handed to me * * * I was dropped from office."

"I am denied the privilege of entering the temple, a right given all good Mormons."

"Had I remained in fellowship with the apostles, I would have become the head of the church."

"I think I would have been elected to the United States Senate if it had not been for the interference of the church."

"I have always held that, whatever my church allegiance, I should be free to be true to my country."

"I am glad to say I am a good American citizen—since I have been deposed as an apostle."

—Witness Thatcher at Smoot Investigation.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, in executive session today, decided unanimously to ask authority of the Senate to sit during the summer recess of Congress and continue its investigation of the Smoot case and the general workings of the Mormon Church. This resolution covers permission for the full committee or any subcommittee of it to go to Utah.

The resolution was prepared by Chairman Burrows and presented to the committee. Mr. Depew moved that it be adopted as the sense of the committee. This was seconded by Mr. Foraker, and all the members present voted in favor of it. The other votes, in addition to those named, were cast by Hopkins and Dillingham, Republicans, and Pettus, Dubois, Bailey, and Overman, Democrats.

Significance is attached to the fact that the committee's decision was unanimous. Although the Democratic members of the committee have been active in their suggestion of questions to prove the interference of the Mormon Church in political matters, others of the committee have been regarded as rather favorable to the Smoot side. This has been indicated in the questions submitted by them to various witnesses.

Moses Thatcher concluded his testimony today. Tomorrow the witness will be L. E. Abbott, ex-sheriff of Davis county, Utah, just north of Salt Lake City. He is expected to prove, by reason of his former official position and his general knowledge of affairs, the polygamous relations of Apostle John W. Taylor, whose attendance here has been much desired. So far, Taylor has kept out of the way of the official subpoena.

Mr. Thatcher's testimony today was strong against the church at times, but with other portions of his testimony he seemed extremely reluctant to criticize his former Mormon associates.

Thatcher Testifies Again.

Moses Thatcher resumed the stand when the committee was called to order at 10:30 o'clock this morning. A few minutes were spent in picking up the threads of the testimony at the close of yesterday's session.

Witness called attention to some letters in his possession referring to his difficulties with the Mormon Church authorities, and suggested that he might save time by marking the pertinent portions of them. A printed pamphlet containing the letters was put into evidence.

Attorney Taylor took up the subject of a pamphlet by Calvin Reasoner, on practical workings of the Mormon Church, referred to by the witness yesterday. In answer to a query from Senator Dubois, witness said Reasoner was a political friend of his, that he knew in advance of the preparation of the document, and that it accurately represented his own opinions on the matters mentioned.

Reasoner's argument seemed consistent to the witness at the time it was printed, December 22, 1896, but later, on August 14, 1897, the high council of Salt Lake Stake took action which caused witness to alter his views in some respects. He did not think there had been the slightest intention to misrepresent matters in the pamphlet.

Discusses Famous "Rule."

Attorney Van Cott took up the cross-examination, and inquired as to the witness' view of the political manifesto or "rule," issued on October 6, 1896, relative to permission to run for office, to which witness did not assent, and which was the beginning of his trouble with the Mormon Church. The decision of the high council in 1897, the letter written by the witness on the subject, and his acceptance of the council's interpretation of the rule, were discussed by the witness.

Nothing came to the knowledge of the witness, he said, in answer to a query from Colonel Worthington, to show that the church imposed its will upon people who wished to run for office.

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Witness told of standing by Joseph L. Rawlins and saying at a meeting in the Logan Opera House that if Rawlins went down on a charge of apostasy, witness, although an apostle, would do so too. In the later campaign witness knew Rawlins was strong before the people and would probably have been elected, but he himself, as a candidate and although in poor health, expected to make a good campaign. He thought certain "influences" were at work

Barred From the Temple.
"Are you denied the privilege of entering the temple?" asked Mr. Taylor.

"I am. I appeared there after being dropped from office and was denied admission. The right to enter the temple is a right given to all good Mormons who come properly recommended by the bishop of the ward."

"The twelve apostles and the first presidency were in the habit of meeting in the temple once a week. When I appeared there I was refused admission by the doorkeepers. I asked him by whose authority he did so, and he said, 'By authority of the first presidency of the church.' I have never since then asked to be admitted to the temple."

Witness detailed some further incidents of this period, and as if in contrast with his position of being practically in contempt of the church authorities, commented:

"And I am glad to say I am a good American citizen."

"Since you have been deposed," suggested Chairman Burrows.

"Yes," assented the witness, with some slight hesitation.

"I made little effort to save my position; I made great effort to save my standing in the church."

Race for the Senate.
"Would you have been elected to the United States Senate if it had not been for the interference of the church?" asked Mr. Overman.

"I think so," witness replied; "at least I thought so at the time. I was not elected, but I came very near being elected."

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